



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY HISTORICAL
LANDMARKS AND RECORDS COMMISSION
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 140
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012**

Friday, April 8, 2016

9:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (16-2003)

Attachments: [AUDIO](#)

Present: Chair Stephen Sass, Vice Chair Yolanda Duarte-White,
Commissioner Elysha Paluszek and Commissioner Louis Skelton

Absent: Commissioner Ivy Sun

Call to Order. (16-1616)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sass at 9:52 a.m.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

1. Approval of the February 5, 2016 Minutes. (16-1617)

**On motion of Chair Sass, seconded by Commissioner Paluszek,
unanimously carried (Commissioner Sun being absent), the minutes from
the meeting of February 5, 2016 were approved.**

Attachments: [02-05-16 Draft Minutes](#)

II. RECOMMENDATIONS

2. Adopt Proposed General Procedures for Commission Public Hearings pursuant to the Historical Preservation Ordinance. (16-1620)

**Chair Sass called upon Helen Parker, County Counsel, to review the
General Procedures for Commission Public Hearings pursuant to the
Historical Preservation Ordinance. Ms. Parker reviewed the procedures**

and informed the Commission that the provisions of the Guideline are similar to that of Planning Commission's Guidelines.

Vice Chair Duarte White requested clarification as to Section 7, Order of Evidence (h) "Rebuttal by applicant, subject to the discretion of the Commission." Vice Chair Duarte-White inquired as to what "discretion of the Commission" means. Ms. Parker clarified that it would be at the Commission's discretion as to how to proceed with a rebuttal from the applicant. Commissioner Skelton indicated that there may be a circumstance in which the Commission would require clarifying information from the applicant, and the provision would allow the Commission to request the information from the applicant.

After discussion, on motion of Vice Chair Duarte White, seconded by Commissioner Paluszek, unanimously carried (Commissioner Sun being absent), the Historical Landmarks and Records Commission adopted the General Procedures for Commission Public Hearings pursuant to the Historical Preservation Ordinance.

Attachments: [Commission Procedures](#)

3. Recommendation: Receive and file the following correspondence from the Office of Historic Preservation:

- National Register of Historic Places Nominations for Helen Renwick Goodwin House;
- National Register of Historic Places Nominations for View Park Historic District; and
- National Register of Historic Places Nominations for Los Angeles Plaza Historic District Amendment. (16-1621)

Chair Sass informed the Commission of the three proposed nominations from the Office of Historic Preservation Department of Parks and Recreation. Helen Parker, County Counsel, informed the Commission that the correspondence was received almost four weeks from the date of the Historic Preservation notification letter to the Board of Supervisors, which would not allow enough time for the Historical Landmarks and Records Commission to send correspondence to the Board or otherwise react to the designation.

Chair Sass requested that Commission Staff reach out to the Office of Historic Preservation Department of Parks and Recreation in order to be placed on a mailing list relative to future nominations for ample time for the Commission to consider a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

On Motion of Chair Sass, seconded by Vice Chair Duarte White, unanimously carried (Commissioner Sun being absent), the Historical Landmarks and Records Commission Received and Filed the Historical Preservation Department of Parks and Recreation correspondence.

Attachments: [Helen Renwick Goodwin House](#)
[View Park Historic District](#)
[Los Angeles Plaza Historic District Amendment](#)

III. REPORT

4. Ex-Officio Members' report on activities during the months of January, February and March 2016. (16-1619)

Frank Harris, Librarian II, Los Angeles County Library, provided a brief report to the Commission regarding Los Angeles County Library Capital Projects. Mr. Harris informed the Commission that the Culver City Library recently celebrated their Grand Opening which was a successful event and well attended. Mr. Harris also indicated that on April 23, 2016, the renovation of the View Park Library will soon be completed.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

5. Hearing to obtain testimony from affected or interested persons and to consider whether to recommend that the Board of Supervisors designate the residential property located at 4918 Angeles Vista Boulevard, View Park, 90043 (Unincorporated Los Angeles County) a County of Los Angeles Historic Landmark, pursuant to the provisions of Part 28 of Chapter 22.52 of Title 22 of the Los Angeles County Code (Historical Preservation Ordinance); and find action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act. (16-1622)

Chair Sass called the Public Hearing Meeting to order at 10:11 a.m. Helen Parker, County Counsel, informed the Commission that knowledge of the subject property or location should be disclosed. Commission Skelton informed the Commission that he is familiar with the general location of the property. However, he has not viewed the subject property specifically.

Phillip Estes, Principal Planner, Department of Regional Planning, presented a PowerPoint Presentation regarding the Historic Landmark Nominated Property located at 4918 Angeles Vista Boulevard, View Park. Mr. Estes highlighted several aspects of the property which substantiated the designation, including the location, design, setting, materials,

workmanship, aesthetics, and the association with the Doumakes family. Mr. Estes informed the Commission that James Doumakes was the founder of the Doumak Company, which became the foremost manufacturer of marshmallows in the United States.

Speakers were sworn in prior to testimony before the Commission. Benjamin J. Kahle, owner and applicant of the subject property, addressed the Commission and provided background information on the property prior to the purchase and expounded on his endeavor to obtain the Historic Landmark designation.

Marcello Valvala, Los Angeles Conservancy, addressed the Commission and offered his support in favor of the designation.

Julie Price and Marie Kontos, grandchildren of James Doumakes, original owner of the subject property, addressed the Commission and provided pictures and recollections of the home and family.

Chair Sass inquired as to the next process. Mr. Estes informed the Commission that the Department of Regional Planning will submit a Resolution to the Board of Supervisors via a Board Letter requesting that the Board designated the subject property as a Historic Landmark.

Helen Parker, County Counsel clarified that the final Resolution will incorporate the Commission's findings from the Public Hearing.

On motion of Vice Chair Duarte White, seconded by Chair Sass, duly carried by the following vote, the Historical Landmarks and Records Commission adopted a Resolution of the County of Los Angeles Historical Landmarks and Records Commission recommending the designation of a property located at 4918 Angeles Vista Boulevard, View Park, 90043 (Unincorporated Los Angeles County) a County of Los Angeles Historic Landmark, under Project No. R2015 03701 (2), pursuant to the provisions of Part 28 of Chapter 22.52 of Title 22 of the Los Angeles County Code (Historical Preservation Ordinance); and made a finding that action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act:

Ayes: 4 - Chair Stephen Sass, Vice Chair Yolanda Duarte-White, Commissioner Elysha Paluszek and Commissioner Louis Skelton

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Ivy Sun

Attachments: [Landmark Evaluation Report](#)
 [Staff Report](#)

V. MISCELLANEOUS

6. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Commission subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (16-1623)

There were none.

Public Comment

7. Opportunity for members of the public to address items on the Regular Meeting agenda. (16-1625)

There were none.

Adjournment

8. Adjournment for the Regular Meeting of Friday, April 8, 2016. (16-1627)

Chair Sass adjourned the Regular Meeting of Friday, April 8, 2016 at 10:35 a.m. The next Regular meeting will be held Friday, July 15, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.